Claims:

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- 1. A portable computing system comprising:
- a modem adapted to receive a communication;
- a processor coupled to the modem; and
- a non-volatile memory device coupled to the modem and the processor, wherein the modem is adapted to store at least a portion of the communication in the non-volatile memory when the processor is inactive.
- 2. The portable computing system of claim 1, further comprising a hard drive coupled to the processor.
- 3. The portable computing system of claim 1, further comprising a modem processor, wherein the modem processor is adapted to operate independently of the processor.
- 4. The portable computing system of claim 3, wherein the modem processor is adapted to store at least a portion of the communication in the non-volatile memory when the processor is powered off.
- 5. The portable computing system of claim 1, wherein the modem is adapted to transmit a transmitted message when the processor is inactive.

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- 6. The portable computing system of claim 5, wherein the non-volatile memory is adapted to store the transmitted message.
- 7. The portable computing system of claim 1, wherein the non-volatile memory is
 adapted to store user profile information indicative of what communications are to be
 stored in the non-volatile memory.

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- 8. A method of retrieving data with a portable computing device having a modem, a first processor, and a second processor, the method comprising:
 - deactivating the first processor of the portable computing device; activating the second processor so that the modem receives the data; and storing the data.
- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein deactivating the first processor includes disabling a power supply so that the first processor consumes substantially no power.
- 10. The method of claim 8, wherein storing the data includes storing the data in a non-volatile memory.
- 11. The method of claim 10, wherein storing the data includes transferring the data from the modem to a flash memory array with the second processor.
 - 12. The method of claim 8, further comprising: activating the first processor; and accessing the data with the first processor.
- 13. The method of claim 8, further comprising initializing the second processor to identify the data to be stored.
 - 14. The method of claim 13, wherein initializing the second processor includes EL034440103US

storing user profile data.

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15. The method of claim 8, further comprising initializing the modem with the first processor to dentify the data to be stored.

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- 16. The method of claim 15, wherein initializing the modem includes storing user profile data in a non-volatile memory device with the first processor.
- 17. The method of claim 8, wherein activating the second processor includes enabling the modem to receive a wireless communication comprising at least a portion of the data to be stored.

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18. A method of storing data in a portable computing device comprising:

programming a modem to receive data with the modem while a main processor of the portable computing device is disabled.

- 19. The method of claim 18, further comprising storing the data in a non-volatile memory device.
- 20. The method of claim 18, wherein receiving data with the modem includes receiving a wireless communication.